Year 2008

Period		Colliery/Area
From	To	
24.04.2008	27.04.2008	BC 3&4 Pit, Ballarpur Area
29.06.2008	30.06.2008	HLC-1, Chandrapur Area
10.12.2008	13.12.2008	Thesgora Mine, Pench Area

Year 2009

Period		Colliery/Area
From	To	
20.03.2009	01.04.2009	Sasti UG, Ballarpur Area
22.05.2009	23.05.2009	Silewara UG, Napur Area
09.08.2009	11.08.20099	Mohan Colliery, Kanhan Area
26.11.2009	27.11.2009	Pench East Incline, Rawanwara Khas Colliery, Pench Area

Activities of coal blocks

2626. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 190 coal blocks allocated so far, only over a dozen have reached the envisaged production levels, with the rest still waiting for the mandatory environmental clearance;

(b) whether with a huge reserve unexploited under the idle allocated blocks, Government is still confident of achieving the production target of 104 million tonnes by 2011-12;

(c) whether the Coal India Ltd. needs 120 additional blocks to achieve its production targets set for 2020;

(d) if so, whether around 40 idle blocks, presently with PSUs and private companies would be re-allocated to new applicants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) So far 208 coal blocks have been allocated upto November, 2009 and majority of the coal blocks were allotted after 2005. 25 coal blocks have commenced production and 30.02 million tonnes of coal was produced during 2008-09.

(b) As per the Mid-Term Appraisal carried out by the Planning Commission recently, coal production from the aforesaid coal blocks is estimated to be about 80.89 million tonnes during the terminal year of the XI Plan i.e. 2011-12.

(c) An exercise was carried out for identification of new coal blocks. Out of these blocks, Coal India Limited (CIL) has sought to retain 138 coal blocks.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.

Supply of coal to Satpura Thermal Power Station

†2627. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Satpura Thermal Power Station is getting sub-standard coal from the coal mines of WCL and as a result thereof the boiler tube is getting damaged affecting the power production;

(b) if so, whether any proposal has been received from the State of Madhya Pradesh for providing good quality of coal and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) by when good quality coal would be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has informed that quality of coal from one of the mines of Western Coalfields Limited was not satisfactory, resulting in unloading problems. Improvement of quality of coal is a continuous process and Western Coalfields Limited is being advised to take appropriate measures for improving the quality of coal being supplied to power stations including Satpura Thermal Power Station. However, Western Coalfields Limited (WCL)/ Coal India Limited (CIL) has reported that no information has been received by them from Satpura Thermal Power Station that due to substandard coal, the boiler tube is getting damaged affecting the power production.

(b) and (c) The quality of coal supplied to Satpura Thermal Power Station is in accordance with the requirement of their boiler parameters. As per the provisions of Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA), joint sampling facility is available to the power plant for sample analysis of coal.

Coal prices

2628. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. has revised the coal prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the cost of imported coal as compared to revised prices of CIL as on date;

(d) whether CIL has signed any coal wages pact with its workers in the recent past;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the extent to which the revised coal prices would be able to reduce the burden of coal wages of CIL?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.